

RE: RM-10521
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In North Carolina, we have been advised by our regional coordination body, that the FM spectrum in the Amateur Radio VHF band is crowded to the point that the coordination of new services can no longer be considered. We have recently been advised and alarmed to find, that the UHF portion allocated for Amateur Radio use is approaching that same destiny. UHF has reached an all-time popularity in Amateur Radio service as an alternative to the crowded VHF spectrum. There is simply little room for emerging technologies and practice in the UHF band other than our designated simplex frequencies allocated. As the trustee of several repeater services in the UHF Amateur Radio and user in the 446 -447 MHz band , I feel that it is vitally important that we protect this resource. In other regions of the United States, 446.0-446.1 MHz is used for repeater inputs and outputs. FRS type radios participating in the 446.0 - 446.1 portion of our designated spectrum threatens to interfere and disrupt existing communications.

I would strongly advise that RM-10521 be rejected.

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